

STATUS OF CLAIMS

Claims 5, 6, 11, 12, 18, 22, 23, 28, 31-48 are pending in the Application.

Claims 33-48 are allowed by the Examiner.

Claims 5, 6, 11, 12, 18, 22, 23, 28, 31 and 32 are rejected by the Examiner.

Claim 40 has been amended, herein.

Claims 1-32 and 49-97 have been cancelled, without prejudice, herein.

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present Application is respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant acknowledges, with appreciation, Examiner's statement that claims 33-48 constitute allowable subject matter.

Claim Rejections Based On Double Patenting

Applicant has cancelled Claims 1-32 and 49-97, without prejudice, and amended Claim 40 to more distinctly claim the subject matter Applicant believes to be the invention. Applicant further reserves its right to prosecute the cancelled claims in this, or any subsequent related, application, at a later time. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits Claims 33-48 remain in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

Wherefore, Applicant believes he has addressed all outstanding grounds raised by the Examiner and respectfully submits the present case is in condition for allowance, early notification of which is earnestly solicited. Should there be any questions or other issues related to this response, the Examiner is cordially invited and respectfully requested to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney at his number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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